

HB 1804 -- CONVENTION AND TOURISM TAX IN KANSAS CITY

SPONSOR: Molendorp

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Transportation Funding and Public Institutions by a vote of 6 to 0.

This bill authorizes the City of Kansas City to collect, upon voter approval, its existing convention and tourism tax from certain transient guests and patrons of food establishments who are otherwise exempt from the sales tax under Sections 144.010 to 144.510, RSMo.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that because government agencies and nonprofit organizations are exempt from paying this tax in Kansas City, the city has lost \$13 million in revenue in the past five years. The bill closes this loophole.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Molendorp; Thomas Holden, Greater Kansas City Hotel and Lodging Association; City of Kansas City, Missouri; and Missouri Hotel and Lodging Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.